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November 29, 2011

Mr. Gene Hickman
Hickman Farms
19156 Clay County Hwy
Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150

**RE: Compliance Inspection Letter
Hickman Farms -SOPC00072
19156 Clay County Hwy
Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150**

Dear Mr. Gene Hickman:

On November 28, 2011 Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC) staff from the Cookeville Environmental Field Office conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at Hickman Farms. Hickman Farms is a no-discharge Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) consisting of eight (8) poultry houses located at 19156 Clay County Hwy in Clay County.

Permit, Nutrient Management Plan (NMP), Records

The Nutrient Management Plan, Notice of Coverage, 2010 litter analysis, and other pertinent records were available for review at the time of inspection.

Litter Storage / Handling / Disposal

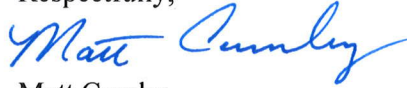
Division staff documented that the litter sheds were empty on this date and that compost was properly stored and under roof. No signs of litter spreading were observed.

Requested Corrections & Comments

A rain gauge was not on site at the time of the inspection. Please obtain a rain gauge in the future for the site's rainfall event records and observations. House entry point aprons were not all litter free. Please keep entry points of the poultry houses clean and litter free. Reminder, Annual Reports are due between January 1 and February 15. Division staff would like to thank Mr. Hickman of Hickman Farms for his cooperation during the inspection and ongoing compliance efforts with the CAFO SOP.

If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me at (931) 432-4015 or by electronic mail at matt.cumby@tn.gov. The most recent version of the General State Operating Permit for CAFO's can be viewed at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/wpc/pdf/sopc00000pmt.pdf>.

Respectfully,



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Cookeville Environmental Field Office

Enclosures: Photo Log- 28 November 2011

cc: CEFO WPC- file SOPC00072, Water Log